

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 4-12-13**

Topic	Status	Highlights
Maine State Housing: Weatherization and LIHEAP Programs	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its September 20, 2012 meeting. Fieldwork on this project is in progress. OPEGA appreciates the cooperation received from MaineHousing and the Community Action Agencies that implement these programs. OPEGA currently plans to have a final report ready for release in June 2013.
Public Utilities Commission	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its November 15, 2012 meeting. Fieldwork on this project is in progress. OPEGA appreciates the cooperation received from the Public Utilities Commission. OPEGA currently plans to have a final report ready for release in June 2013.
Office of Information Technology: Formal Follow-Up Review	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GOC approved the scope questions for this review at its November 15, 2012 meeting. This is the first formal follow-up review OPEGA has conducted and the approach is different than that of a regular review. The OPEGA work plan for this review spans out over the next two years as OIT develops and implements improvement goals and action plans in the three areas targeted for follow up. Since this is a follow-up review that is spanning two years, OPEGA plans to informally report to the GOC at six month intervals on both OPEGA's review status and the status of the OIT efforts we are monitoring. OIT has submitted improvement goals and action plans for all three areas and OPEGA is in process of seeking additional detail and clarification on those. OPEGA may desire a technical consultant to assist with the assessment of OIT goals and action plans and will be discussing this possibility with the GOC.
Special Project: Technical Assistance on Education Committee Study of School Funding Formula	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA is providing technical assistance as per Resolve 2011, chapter 166 for an independent review of the Essential Programs and Services Act, and working closely with the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. The review is currently underway. OPEGA's on-going role is to monitor the consultant's progress and deliverables and ensure the study is completed in accordance with the Resolve. The Phase I report was submitted to the Education Committee on schedule on April 1st and the Phase II report is due by December 1, 2013. Consequently, OPEGA expects to continue providing assistance as necessary throughout that timeframe.